

AGENDA



Thursday, May 22, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 5

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC., Austin, Texas for the Barton Springs Road Bicycle Lanes from Robert E. Lee Road to Rollingwood Drive, in the amount of \$964,893.90 plus a \$48,244.69 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,013,138.59.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Steven Prather 974-2642, Robin Field 974-7064

Purchasing Language: Lowest of six bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Minority Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 8.08% DBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board, Urban Transportation Commission and Planning Commission.

Prior Council Action: 10/30/2003 Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Barton Springs Road Bicycle Lanes Project approved.

4/7/2005 Amendment No.1 to the Advance Funding Agreement that allowed the City to take responsibility for the bid and construction of the project approved.

8/9/2007 Resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of a Multiple Use Agreement with TxDOT approved.

4/10/2008 Amendment No. 2 to the Advance Funding Agreement that allowed the use of City of Austin specifications in the development of the project approved.

This is a federal aid project funded in part by TEA-21 funds administered by TxDOT. The project is included in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Plan, Austin Bicycle Plan, and the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan. Two public information meetings were conducted and attended by representatives of neighborhood and stakeholder groups. Project plans, specifications, and environmental reports have been reviewed by a variety of agencies and determined to be in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. A State Letter of Authority for locally let projects was issued by TxDOT March 14, 2008.

The project consists of adding and rehabilitating shoulders to accommodate five-foot bicycle lanes along Barton Springs Road beginning west of the Barton Creek Bridge, extending west under the Loop 1

overpass and terminating near Rollingwood Drive. In addition, walkways will be constructed approximately parallel to the south side of Barton Springs Road from the Barton Creek Bridge to the Capital Metro bus stop located on the Loop 1 frontage Road adjacent to McBeth Recreation Center. The walkways will be set back to protect pedestrians from vehicular traffic and routed around existing trees and historic features. Currently, Barton Springs Road has four traffic lanes through Zilker Park with no existing bicycle lanes and no pedestrian access for persons with disabilities. No parkland will be taken for the project.

The contract allows 100 calendar days for completion of this project. Due to the short duration of the contract and the potential for utility conflicts within the limits of construction, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for expeditious processing of any future change orders.